

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a cast-coated paper comprising:  
applying a coating color comprising a pigment and an adhesive on a base paper  
containing an organic compound having the effect of inhibiting interfiber bonding of pulp to  
form a coating layer,  
drying the coating layer in a wet state,  
smoothing the dried coating layer,  
rewetting the smoothed layer, and  
pressing and drying the coating layer against a heated mirror finishing surface to form a  
finished cast coating layer,

wherein the coating color contains not less than 50 parts by weight of a kaolin based on  
100 parts by weight of inorganic pigments, and wherein the kaolin has a particle size distribution  
such that not less than 65% by volume of the particles are in the range of 0.4-4.2  $\mu\text{m}$  and the cast  
coating layer contains a plastic pigment.

5. (Previously Presented) The process for preparing a cast-coated paper of claim 4  
wherein the coating layer has a sheet gloss of 70% or more as measured according to JIS-P8142  
after drying and before rewetting.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 4, wherein the plastic pigment is contained in an amount of 5-50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the inorganic pigments.

8. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 4, wherein the coating color comprises a solid plastic pigment.

9.-11. (Canceled).